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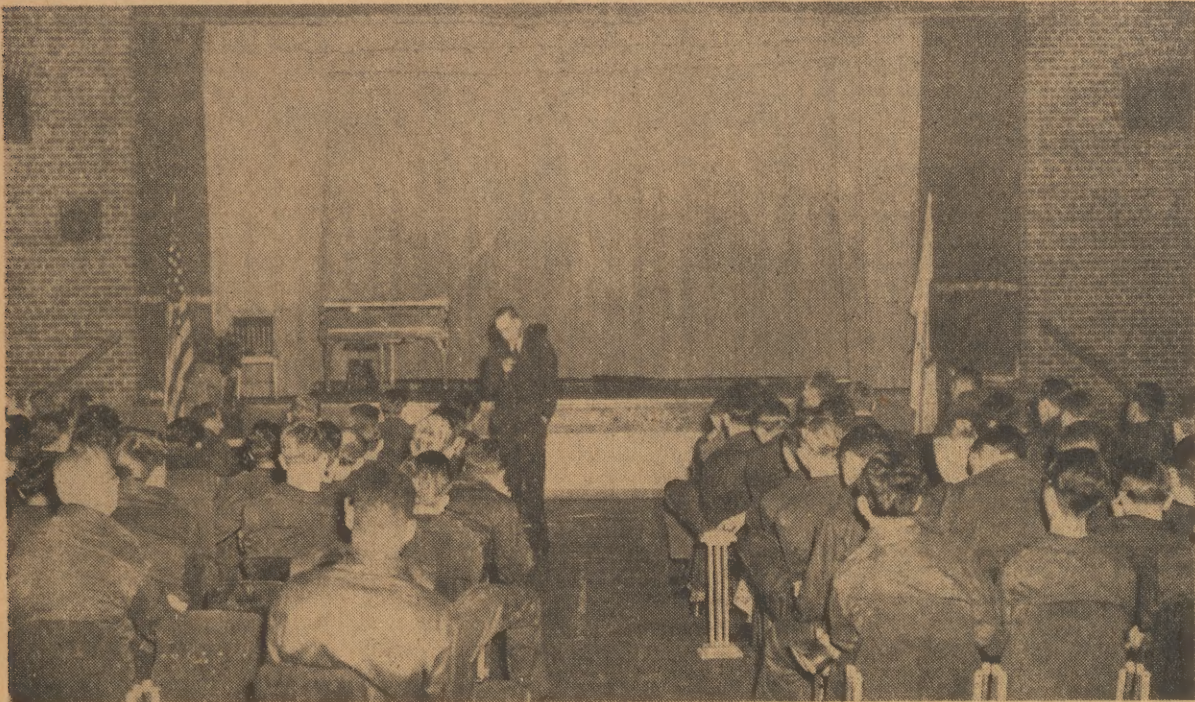
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TO THE
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Mr. Willard B. Hine is peppered with queries from patients on job opportunities.

Lasting Job for Every Vet Seen by USES Counselor

By CPL. BERNARD ASBEL

War veterans have every reason to expect good jobs—jobs offering the peacetime security which every veteran seeks—on their release from military service, declared Willard B. Hine, employment counselor for United States Employment Service, before a large group of McGuire patients in last Friday's separation counseling session.

In addition to previous civilian job experience, Hine asserted, there are few soldiers who have not improved their earning power through military service. Even the average infantryman, he declared in answer to a skeptical doughboy's query, who had no past mechanical experience, could walk into an assembler's job in any number of industries many times more prepared to learn quickly as a result of months of taking apart and putting together various weapons. A banal chore, to be sure, but the average soldier often doesn't realize the mechanical touch such daily experience has given him, he added.

HANDICAPPED PLACED

Of prime importance to all USES placement men is the program of placing handicapped vets in worthwhile, paying jobs. A man who is discharged with a disabled arm or leg, or any part of the body, Hine emphasized, must keep in mind that he is perfectly equal to tasks which earn a good weekly pay envelope for millions of physically sound workers. The soldier need only face squarely his handicap and set about to look for his meal ticket in jobs where he is able to produce as well as the worker who is totally able-bodied. Thousand of veterans are doing that right now, he told his eagerly listening audience.

Recognizing that still fresh in the memories of veterans hovers the bleak insecurity of a ten-year depression, Hine assured the patients that it was USES's aim to place discharged men in jobs which will last. Men planning to enter new fields were strongly urged to take advantage of educational opportunities offered veterans, guaranteeing a heavy talking point with hiring directors. He reminded patients who plan to strike out for their old jobs, that they must report back to their former employers within ninety days after discharge.

SKILLS NEEDED

But men should strive, before they commence job-hunting, to find for themselves an individual skill, Hine advised, citing a trend in in-

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MGH Polio Drive Passes \$800 Mark

More than \$500 collected in Sgt. Clarence T. Hutchinson's personal campaign to lick infantile paralysis has earned for McGuire's No. 1 polio-beater a 15-day furlough, it was learned today from Lt. David S. Yoakley, who also announced that the total hospital collection has gone over \$800 in the drive's third week.

"The sum collected," Lt. Yoakley pointed out, "represents more than 50 cents for every person on the post—duty soldier, civilian and patient. We're setting our sights now on topping \$1,000 before the drive ends February 15. The entire hospital deserves commendation for the unselfish and wholehearted way in which it has subscribed to the drive."

Added evidence of unselfish support came when Mary W. Spain, civilian personnel office endorsed over to the drive a \$10 check she had received for a blood donation.

Daily lunch hour jam sessions with the McGuire band in the arcade will continue every day through Friday, with Hutchinson acting as self-appointed master of ceremonies.

Free Call for Best GI Talent at USO Friday

"On the Spot," a service-talent and variety show promises a free long distance call to the man in uniform who draws the most applause Friday night at Richmond's USO Club, 2nd and Grace Streets. Entries in the talent show need only show up a few minutes before curtain time, 8:15 p.m.

Camp Lee's famous all-Negro glee club from the 1st QM Training Group offer a concert tonight at the USO social hall, 8:15 p.m.

That Clothes Make A Woman is Tested In Friday Show

What the best-dressed women will be wearing on Broad Street any day now will be the theme of a fashion show sponsored by a downtown department store Friday 7 p.m. in the Red Cross. After a brief cross-over session during which patients will politely applaud the curves and lines of the new gown designs, models will come off-stage to spring a gala party and discuss the newest in Paris creations.

McGuire's first all-patient dance will be held Monday under the joint sponsorship of Special Services and Red Cross recreation staff.

With dancing from 7 to 9:30, attractive hostesses from Richmond as well as McGuire's 12-piece jive band will be on hand. Patients dress is informal—which means convalescent "zoot" suits must be worn.

Saturday night the Red Cross staff presents "The Town Went Wild," a movie starring Freddie Bartholomew and James Lydon.

EM's Leisure Facilities, Non-Com Club Planned In Expansion Blueprint

Recreation facilities for enlisted men as well as a post non-commissioned officers' club are included in present plans for expansion of McGuire to a 2565-bed hospital, it was announced today by Colonel P. E. Duggins, commanding officer.

Announcement last week of McGuire's conversion to the Third Service Command's largest named hospital carried with it news of the detachment's enlargement by a substantial number of enlisted men as well as addition of more than 150 WAC personnel.

Reconditioning Program Spurred By New Expansion

McGuire's greatly increased bed capacity for definitive treatment cases will entail a correspondingly great expansion of Reconditioning Services' manifold activities, Major Craig W. Muckle, reconditioning chief, predicted today. Steps toward reorganization of the department have already been taken to cope with needs of the expansion.

Greater activity was seen in the educational branch of reconditioning, under the direction of Lt. Robert D. Henry, in the form of motion pictures, lectures and forum groups.

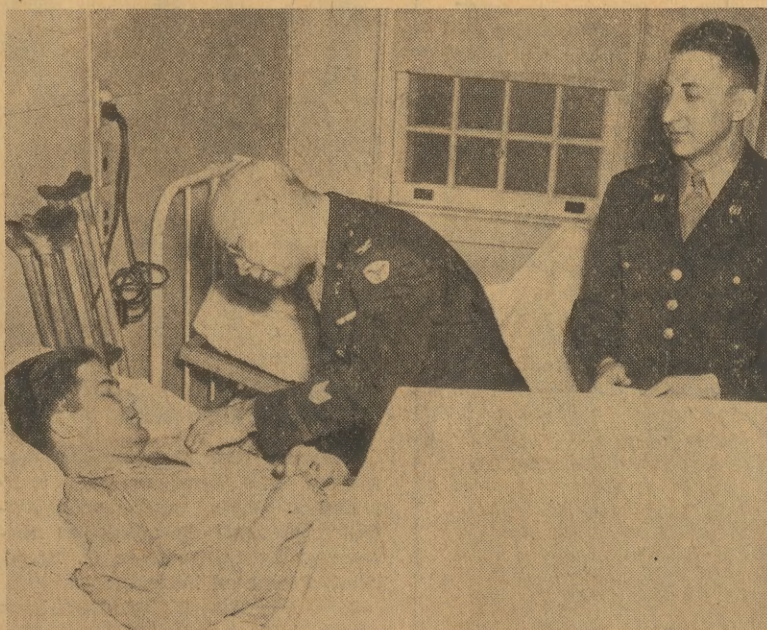
One new activity, already proving popular with patients is the typewriting class instructed by Sgt. Joseph Blackburn, assisted by WAC Cpl. Thelma Tipton. The classes meet each week day from 9 to 11 a.m. and 2 to 4 p.m., and are held in the Occupational Therapy Shop, Building 108. Originally equipped with six typewriters, Blackburn found it necessary to run five shifts in order to accommodate the many original applicants.

CLASS OVERFLOWED

Later, so many patients applied for instruction in typing that Sgt. Blackburn regretfully had to turn them away until five additional typewriters could be added to the equipment. Even with the eleven typewriting machines in full time operation, it has not been possible to arrange classes for all who wish to take the instruction. However, Major Muckle and Blackburn prom-

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Bedside Ceremony



For blocking off an entire German tank counterattack with one bazooka, Pfc. Billie G. Hahnen, Ward 64, is awarded the Silver Star at his bedside by commanding officer Colonel P. E. Duggins, as hospital adjutant CWO L. E. Roffman looks on. A paratrooper with the 82d Airborne Division, Hahnen and a buddy with a single anti-tank weapon rendered impassable the only road the Germans could use to strike back at his outfit.

Support of Third Service Command headquarters has already been enlisted for aid in furnishing enlisted men's recreation facilities. Colonel Marvin Ramey, service command special services officer, has informed Colonel Duggins that "he will do everything in his power to see that McGuire enlisted men have the very finest available in furnishings for their recreation rooms."

The expansion program entails an increase of 800 beds over McGuire's present authorization. Overseas patients will be transferred here from other general hospitals for specialized definitive treatment in neuro-surgery.

Registrar Teaches Spanish In 20 Easy Lessons

If anyone should wander into the room back of the A & D office any Tuesday or Saturday afternoon after 4:30 p.m., he would probably wonder if he is still in the United States. He would hear nothing but Spanish.

"At least," said Major Francisco Acosta, registrar, who is instructing Spanish classes, "that is the way it will be in a little while when my students have had more practice in Spanish conversation."

The classes in Spanish will be continued as long as the interest in the class holds its present high level.

Anyone who wishes to take advantage of this opportunity to learn Spanish in "twenty easy lessons" may join the classes now. However, it is necessary for each student to be equipped with a copy of the Cortina method "Spanish in 20 Lessons".

"The Spanish language will loom large in the post-war commercial picture as new fields in Central and South American become developed," pointed out Major Acosta, "and the fellow who has a working knowledge of the Spanish language can get in on the ground floor."

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Entertainment—By and For McGuire

Entertainment with a new twist was presented in the Red Cross Tuesday night, a variety soldier-show, called "Bedzapoppin."

It was much like other shows staged here before—perhaps a little better—but a new ingredient had been added. It was all-McGuire. Patients, detachment personnel and civilians all pooled their talents and time. They had fun doing it. The audience had fun watching it.

With McGuire expanding to a 2565-bed hospital, and with expected increases in personnel, on our post as in any large group there will be found soldiers and patients with the knack of making people laugh, as well as singers, fancy-steppers, and members of the old Shakespearian school.

Some of these will be patients with time to while away getting well. Others will be hard-working personnel with important duties—but with some leisure time, and a recreation problem going with it.

To waste away talent on our post would be to set back our main purpose for being here—getting patients well again.

Soldier-show workshops have been tremendously successful on other posts. They are required in the table of organization of convalescent hospitals because their therapeutic value has proven itself so well.

A soldier-show workshop, as represented in the preparation for Tuesday night's performance, would have a two-fold purpose at McGuire:

1. To give patients a chance, with the cooperation of hospital personnel, to give as well as take. To give them a chance to satisfy a desire to entertain, to write, to design and prepare scenery. An occupation which is the pure choice of a patient will logically have the most therapeutic effect on his disability.
2. To give patients and personnel the opportunity to be entertained by their own buddies. A laugh at home is always more fun. Every effort contributed toward entertainment by people on the post will pay off many times in good feeling and respect among us all.

Present on the post for the past ten days have been a soldier and a civilian representing the War Department's soldier show program.

They have shown us the way with "Bedzapoppin." They worked hard on the show. But their main purpose was to show us how to continue the soldier-shows program ourselves.

Today, when they leave, should not be the end of a short-lived lesson.

Lasting Jobs

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dusty to specialization in workers' tasks.

Hine's talk was first in a series planned by Separation Counseling Service. Future programs for pa-

tients will sponsor representatives of labor, industry and government to clarify patients on employment opportunities, as well as rights and responsibilities of veterans.

Patients may obtain information on separation counseling activities by phoning 220, or visiting the office in the administration building.

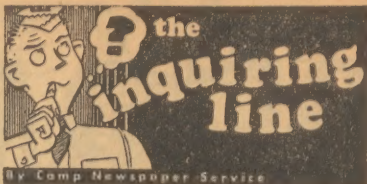
The Wolf

by Sansone

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"I guess he can't stand shots. This is the third time he's passed out!"



Q. Can a warrant officer serve on a court martial?

A. No. According to Para 4b, section V, Cir No. 164, (1943) a warrant officer may not (a) be detailed to serve on a court martial, military commission or court of inquiry (b) on any board of officers where the conduct, status liability or rights of a commissioned officer are in issue (c) as a claims' officer or investigating officer within the purview of Article of War 70 or (d) as adjutant general, inspector general or judge advocate of any command.

Q. Is it true that, once a man has been returned to the States under the rotation plan after two years of overseas service, he can't be sent outside the country again?

A. Sorry, but it's not true. However, WD Cir No. 8 (1945) provides that when the military situation permits, soldiers returned under rotation shall be given duty in the States before returning overseas and that, when possible, soldiers with no overseas service, followed by those who have been back in the States for six months or more shall be shipped before all others.

Q. My mother received a telegram from the Government notifying her I was wounded in action. She was worried by the fact that the telegram had 2 stars on it. What do the stars mean?

A. Two stars are placed on all telegrams of an urgent nature.

Theatre Coupons Valid Only Until March 23

Sale of coupon books for the Post Theatre has been discontinued and books already in soldiers' hands will be honored only until March 23, it was announced today by Cpl. Allan Bair, post theater manager.

Coupons unused by March 23 will be redeemable at the theater box office for twelve cents each, provided they are not detached from the book.

Meanwhile theater patrons among hospital personnel were urged to attend 8:15 performances at the theater rather than earlier showings. Patients are admitted to 6:15 showings only, Bair pointed out, and by coming to the later show personnel will be more assured of seats.

McGuire Scroll of HONOR



Here are four more civilian employees who have recently completed a year's service with McGuire General Hospital, as announced by Lt. Virginia G. Breed, chief, Personnel Division:

Mrs. Virginia K. W. Lederhous, upper left, supply division. Miss Jane K. Harrison, upper right, separation classification section. Miss Margaret Andrews, lower left, personnel division. Mrs. Mildred M. Elsea, lower right, post engineer's office.

All This and Shampoo Too



Tec 5 Justus R. Gibson says he was nearer to heaven than he'd been in a long time, standing under the A&D shower last Saturday night while good hot water oozed down with the last he hopes to see of Holland mud. Shot was caught by Photographer Milgrim a few minutes after Gibson arrived in McGuire's last evacuation from overseas. Gibson, a native of Danville, Va., is a patient in Ward 31.

Price Tags Mar Those Beautiful Civilian Clothes

CHICAGO—If you got a discharge tomorrow, hopped back home and made a dash for the nearest civilian clothing store, you'd come out \$263.10 lighter by the time you had assembled a modest little wardrobe.

A shopping tour to estimate the cost of coming out of the khaki cocoon resulted in the table printed below. Prices listed are not the rock-bottom lowest but are far from getting into the expensive lines.

This is the cost of good, wearable togs for a guy who doesn't want to scatter his savings on anything fancy:

2 suits	\$75.00
topcoat	25.00
hat	5.00
gloves	3.00
muffler	2.00
raincoat	12.00
6 shirts	15.00
6 undershirts	3.00
6 pr. shorts	6.00
6 pr. socks	3.60
2 pr. shoes	15.00
belt	1.50
6 ties	6.00
2 pr. pajamas (remember?)	6.00
garters	1.00

Cost so far, \$179.10, and that doesn't give you things like a bathrobe and slippers—or any extra shirts and underwear while you're waiting for the laundry. But you'll need something heavier than a topcoat this winter. Overcoat . . . \$45. One sport outfit will set you back \$5.00 for the shirt, \$10.00 for slacks, \$5.00 for a sweater and \$19.00 for a jacket. Total: \$263.10.

And if you want to weep about it, you'll still have to borrow a handkerchief from somebody!

The average man has a vocabulary of 12,000 words—that is, until he trips over a foot-locker in the dark; then he just ad libs.

Library Notes

After discharge, what then? Soldiers everywhere eye their civilian futures with an understandable uncertainty. Anyone would who has been overseas and out of touch with opportunities in industry for a long period of time. And now with time heavy on soldiers' hands in McGuire wards, minds set to thinking and wondering about a job, a secure one with opportunity for getting ahead, buying a home and supporting a few juniors.

That surplus of time can be put to use helping to solve the problem, rather than spending the time mulling over it. The McGuire library offers a complete file of booklets relating to over 100 vocations and trades in which are discussed necessary qualifications, opportunities, salary, training required, etc. Materials in the Army Vocational Kit and various books covering virtually every vocation are available. Bookkeeping, forestry, engineering, mathematics, mechanics, accounting, education, these and an endless line of fields are dealt with in the pamphlets and actual textbooks available.

Many of these are on special exhibit in the library now but they may be borrowed and used at any time.

Men who have already made up their minds about a field to be entered would do well to drop in and take a gander at material in their chosen occupation.

Bars and Stripes

To Major
Chaplain (Capt.) Neil S. Cashman.
To 1st Lieutenant
2d Lt. Dorothy R. Banes.
To Corporal
Pfc. Robert Harnick.

Patients to Let Hair Down In 'Monkeyshines' Program

McGuire patients had better forget their inhibitions, for anything goes on "Monkeyshines at McGuire," a gag quiz show to be broadcast from the Red Cross Auditorium weekly beginning Friday. It will be heard on WRNL, 7:30 to 8 p.m.

Worthwhile prizes will be awarded thirteen patients taking part, even if answers to questions are incorrect. But patients were warned this week by

Warde Adams, quiz master, that correct answers are the easy way out. The blushing behind the ears resulting from consequences of incorrect answers may make many patients wish they had remained in the audience, he said.

To get things going, a pre-broadcast warmup will begin in the auditorium at 7 p.m.

"Open House at McGuire General," the hospital's Saturday afternoon broadcast heard over WRVA, presents the combat stories of two patients as well as colorful bits of conversation overheard in hospital wards.

Sgt. James E. Jent will tell the unique feeling of falling two miles to the ground in the tail of a B-17. He was a prisoner of the Germans for 13 days before being recaptured. Today, though he walks without the aid of crutches, Jent is still a little wary—he refuses to ride an elevator.

The synonym for "guts" is "medics," declares Sgt. Tony Passone, Ward 63, who will also be heard on Open House. The former crew member of a tank destroyer, whose life was saved by the gallantry of an aid man will explain why he calls the medics "the craziest and bravest men in the world."

Reconditioning Program Spurred By New Expansion

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ise to provide another instructor to take care of the overflow if the demand warrants.

Although still in its infancy, another interesting section of the educational reconditioning services is the commercial art class under Sgt. Edward T. Paier. These classes meet in Room 1 of Building 207, daily except Saturday and Sunday, from 2 to 3 p.m. Patients are given free range in choice of subject matter, as instruction is offered in charcoal, pastel, water color, wash drawing, line drawing, pen and ink, sketching, or any other type of technique customarily used for commercial illustration or advertising.

Paier, graduate of Yale School of Fine Arts, took a post graduate course at Columbia University, qualifying as supervisor of art education for elementary and high schools in Guilford, Conn., before his induction. Sgt. Paier has had a number of year's experience as an art instructor, and is giving the McGuire classes full benefit of his wide training. Miss Virginia Murphy will assist Paier with the classes here.

RED CROSS CLASS

The commercial art classes under Paier are entirely distinct and separate from the Red Cross-sponsored "Arts and Skills" course offered under the diversional activities section of Occupational Therapy.

The art classes under this section are held daily, except Saturday and Sunday, from 2 to 4 p.m. in Room 1 of Building 108, and are instructed by various outstanding local artists under the direction of Mrs. LaMotte Blakely, renowned art patron of Richmond.

Also offered under Red Cross sponsorship are the daily (except Saturday and Sunday) classes in leathercraft, held from 2 to 4 p.m. in the Occupational Therapy section of Building 108. Mrs. Ruth Lewis, of Richmond, who has had considerable experience in teaching various types of leathercraft, is the instructor in charge of this course.

One drunk (to another lying in the gutter): "I can't pick ya up but I'll lie down with you."

1st Infantry Band Plays Here Tuesday

The 56-piece First Combat Infantry Band, composed of overseas infantrymen representing every theater of operations, and now on national tour, will visit McGuire's Red Cross auditorium next Tuesday for a half hour radio broadcast and an evening show for patients and personnel.

Included in the group are special sections for concerts, dance tunes, special variety routines and a choral group.

Tuesday afternoon the band will broadcast over WRVA, 4:30 to 5 p.m. Lt. Ernest Dervishian, Richmond's only Congressional Medal of Honor winner, is expected to take part in the radio show.

Faces behind the bandstands of the First Combat Infantry Band will be familiar to patients who have seen action in the following battles, among many others: Kasserine Pass, Cassino, Salerno, Anzio, Oherbourg, Strasbourg, Buna, Guadalcanal, Bougainville, and Saipan. Band members served in those battles as riflemen, litter bearers, and numerous other regular infantry assignments.

Lt. Gen. Ben Lear hailed members of the band as "men who can fight as well as produce the music that America loves."

A silver star and bronze star are among the decorations earned in combat by band members.

GUYS YOU WANTA SLUG



THE HOT WATER HOG

Lets the hot water flood merrily away all the time he's washing, shaving, and picking his teeth. The water's refreshingly cold when you get to it.

Something New in Boogie-Woogie



Patients gather around Red Cross' grand piano for an after-concert long hair jam session with Jose Iturbi, world famed pianist-conductor. Iturbi visited McGuire for an hour-long concert Saturday morning.



Pfc. Ralph Contrevo blissfully consumes the first of his daily egg ration.

Ersatz Cigs

An A&D typist attended the recent March of Dimes dance, escorted by a well-meaning detachment male.

Time came for a bit of nose-powdering, and the lady asked her escort to hold her cigarettes and matches for a moment.

"Surely," he consented, and looking down into his hand, he inquired, "but what will I do with these?"

The lady glanced and gasped. She had just handed him a box of Ex-Lax.

'Prefab' Homes Built in One Day

That little post-war home McGuire soldiers have dreamed about—the one with the built-in latrine—may be put together by the numbers.

News from the low-cost home front is that prefabricated houses can be erected in one day and ready for occupancy in a single week. After you've got your site, selected the type house you want, arranged to finance the deal and shelled out the down payment, the pre-fab boys drop around and begin doing their setups. The exercise will be performed in the following manner:

HUT—the floor is laid in the morning. TWO—sidewalls up by noon. THREE—roof, shingles and siding completed by evening. FOUR—the painting, plumbing and electrician squads are ready to take over.

While all this is going on, you're sitting under a tree picking your teeth hollering orders, or just sleeping while they work.

Estimated cost for a four-room job is from \$2500 to \$6000, with bigger and more elaborate houses in the catalogues available

9 Eggs a Day is Contrevo's Ticket to Breakfast Bliss

Pfc. Ralph Contrevo's breakfast is not complete without at least nine eggs. When he's not hungry, he's willing to settle for eight.

Ralph, a patient in Ward 64, says it's all his mother's fault. He and his brothers and sisters were brought up in his Philadelphia home with the knowledge that "eggs are

good for you." And to prove it, he's gained twelve pounds since arriving at McGuire where he can get all the eggs he wants—with a daily limit of nine. He throws in a slice of bread with every egg.

"When I was in France," exclaims Ralph, "the first thing I learned to say was 'Avez-vous des oeuvres?' That means 'Have you any eggs?' A little French girl taught it to me. And after that I never had to depend on powdered eggs anymore. I stopped every farmer we passed, and they would always come across with a few. Our half track was all the time full of eggs. And luckily the other fellows in the crew didn't like them."

Ralph was overseas 11½ months with the Fifth Armored Division. Once he tried egg in his beer. "I heard everyone talking about egg in your beer," Ralph explains. "I figured I may as well see what they were talking about. But I didn't like it. After that I stuck to taking my eggs straight."

Suggestion Volume Gains Altitude

An up-to-the-minute report from the McGuire Suggestion Committee shows an upward trend in Ideas for Victory submitted during the past month. Suggestions received in January total thirty-five as compared with the nineteen received the preceding month.

"Four awards have been made since January 1, while a number of suggestions are now under consideration," stated Lieutenant Velma R. White, Suggestion Committee Chairman.

"We hope," she said, "that contributions continue to mount and the present momentum indicates that they will. Looks as if the Suggestion Committee will have some long sessions."

Lt. White reminded idea-makers that suggestions are anonymous unless an award is made. Each idea is considered impersonally and if judged by the committee to be of value, is recommended to Colonel P. E. Duggins, commanding officer, who makes the final decision.

Anyone desiring information on submitting a suggestion should seek assistance from a committee member, she advised. Those now serving on the Suggestion Committee are 1st Lt. Velma R. White, Chairman, 2nd Lt. Francis R. Redfern, Jr., S-Sgt. Joseph R. Blackburn, Lester F. Mitchell, Roland L. Troxler, Albert S. Archer, Mrs. Alma C. Ingram, Miss Mary M. Bell, and Miss Margaret L. Andrews, Executive Secretary.

War Ballots Ready For Spring Polls

McGuire soldier voters from the states of Michigan, New Jersey and Wisconsin will do well to give the double-O to their hometown papers, Lt. Robert T. Morrison, soldier voting officer advised today, for statewide elections will be held in those states this spring. County primaries in Illinois, certain municipal elections in New Jersey and township elections in South Dakota are also on tap.

Information on eligibility for voting as well as postcard War Ballot applications are available from Lt. Morrison, Administration Building, telephone 220.

-Buy War Bonds Now-

81st Train Commander Lauds MGH via V-Mail

That McGuire is remembered by soldiers stationed here in the past was indicated by Major O. H. Weaver, commanding the 81st Hospital train which recently left for overseas from McGuire.

Major Weaver who wrote via V-Mail the other day to Captain Henry Resch of A & D office said, "... I also wanted to tell you, and I hope you will mention it to Col. Duggins, that the personnel of my train—officers as well as enlisted men—consider McGuire General Hospital the best place they have even been stationed; and are unanimous in their gratitude for the wonderful treatment and cooperation they received."

Writing from "somewhere in the British Isles" he continued "... We had a nice trip over. I wasn't seasick at all and Lt. Bladen didn't miss a meal, either. Lt. Bladen was pleasantly surprised on arriving here to find that her hut was warmly heated. Five former McGuire nurses with another outfit were waiting to greet her."

208,510 Veterans Get Pension Pay

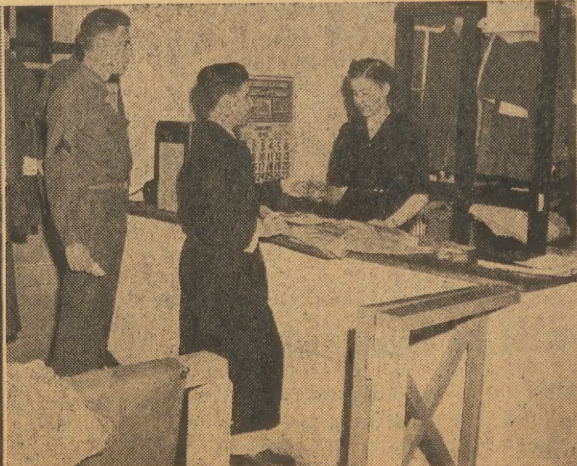
Washington (CNS)—As of Dec. 31, 1944, a total of 208,510 veterans of this war were receiving pensions for service-connected disabilities, the Veterans Administration revealed. The cost of pensions for World War II soldiers had risen \$40,513,789 over 1943.

Ol' Hometown Cracker Barrel Would Make PX Complete General Store

By PVT. LEE KING

From tooth paste to toys, hair tonic to shoes, sox, hose, jewelry, soft drinks, juke box tunes, gift cards, hair cut, shave, permanent wave, tailoring touches, soft drinks, "gum beats" on the latest war news, birth of the latest rumor or revival of an old one—the PX has any or all of these on tap daily. Like the old fashioned crossroads country store, the PX is the favorite rendezvous of patients, military personnel and civilians of McGuire General.

Each morning at the fountain entrance there's usually a waiting line of GI's and patients who miscalculated their breakfast capacities. The coffee, doughnut and sandwich service does a land-office business at this time, with milk shakes, tomato juice and "cokes" running a close second.



At the PX toy counter, Mrs. Elizabeth Lee of Richmond, top, whose soldier-husband is recovering from battle wounds in an overseas hospital, aids two McGuire patients in their selections of toys to send home to their small fry. Pfc. John Paddy, Catonsville, Md., wounded Sept. 17th, in the invasion of Holland, selects a doll for his 4-year-old daughter, Jeannie, while Tec 5 Clarence Hawkins of Bedford, Va., is considering a calico horse for his little niece, Catherine. Hawkins was wounded August 17th, during the invasion of France. Above right, Miss Beverlie Felton of Richmond, in charge of the PX tailor shop, returns cleaned and pressed uniform to McGuire patient St. Charles George of Philadelphia, Pa., as Cpl. Abraham A. Baumgarten of Toronto, Canada, awaits his turn. Baumgarten, another detachment member, is attached to the A & D Office. Above left, in the PX barber shop, McGuire patient Pfc. John E. Lee of Childs, Pa., receives a "once over lightly, from barber E. L. Dominick. In the next chair, Pvt. Charles P. Hinds of Carnegie, Pa., gets the finishing touches from barber H. Dalin. In the last chair, Cpl. Ben Hamburger of New York City, gets a trimming from barber Aubry L. Hutchins. Hamburger is McGuire detachment mail clerk.



Left, a clerk's eye view of the PX fountain shows Captain Max Dreyer, post exchange officer takes time out for a coke with McGuire patient Ervin Silverman, Long Island City, N. Y., who was wounded September, 1944, during the push into Belgium, and Miss Mary Keller of Richmond, Va., the Captain's secretary. A favorite with patients for his helpfulness, Captain Dreyer was formerly PX officer at Valley Forge General Hospital.

Right, in the PX beauty parlor, Army Nurse Corps Captain Julia M. Martin of Olympia, Washington, gets a new hair-do from beauty shop attendant Mrs. Marguerite Andrick, whose soldier husband is stationed at McGuire motor pool. Mrs. Andrick's sister, Lt. Mary V. Duncan, is a nurse at McGuire.



Post Theater

Week of Thursday, February 8. Shows start at 6:15 and 8:15 p.m.

Thursday—"Music for Millions," with Margaret O'Brien, Jane Allyson, Jimmy Durante.

Saturday—"Hangover Square," with Laird Cregar, Linda Darnell, George Sanders.

Sunday—"This Man's Navy," with Wallace Beery, James Gleason, Tom Drake.

Tuesday—"Double Exposure," with Chester Morris, Nancy Kelly and "Under Western Skies," with Martha O'Driscoll, Noah Beery, Jr., Leo Carillo.

Wednesday—"They Shall Have Faith," with Johnny Mack Brown, Gale Storm.

Generals Hit Toughest Bill This Week

McGuire Generals plunge tonight into their season's heaviest one-week schedule, a victory and a defeat already under their money belts since the Sabbath.

Medical College's quintet turns up in our gym tonight for a major operation, while the McGuirettes face the C&O railroad ladies to make it a doubleheader.

Generals bowed to Optimist Club last night, 66-39, in a YMCA League game at the Y gym. Wolf put away 12 points to lead McGuire scoring. Optimists' Hammer brothers hammered away 20 and 18 points, to ring up only one less than total General tallies.

The Generals expect to snap out of their slump which resulted in a 43-34 defeat at Norfolk Tuesday, where they played the Army Air Field. During that fray, at least one General had victory on the brain, Bill Cheswick ringing up 22 points. McGuire led throughout the game, until the last quarter when Norfolk placed a pair of basket hangers under the hoop whose business it was to catch anything and just drop it in.

Monday night, the Generals trounced McGuire's Train Division five, 49-10.

A twin bill this Saturday schedules the Generals against Richmond Naval Training School, while the girls will be seen facing the out-of-character Richmond Hockey Club.

Tuesday, the home crew visits the YMCA gym to take on Bellwood in a Y-League tussle. McGuire's season record against Bellwood stacks up evenly, one won and one lost. Wednesday Medical College travels here for a return bout.

3rd SC Overshoots Bond Quota by Half-Million

BALTIMORE, Feb. 8 (SCP).—More than 15 million dollars worth of the war bonds sold during the recent Sixth War Loan drive were purchased by Third Service Command military and civilian personnel, who exceeded their quota by \$608,992, Major General Philip Hayes, Commanding General, announced today.

Stood Up at 92, Says Bit Too Old for Dates

BUFFALO, N. Y.—George Hazard says he is "off women for life." He hitchhiked 18 miles from the Erie County Infirmary to keep a date with "his girl friend" and she stood him up. When Hazard, who is 92 years of age, appealed to the police for a ride back to the infirmary, he said "maybe he was getting too old" to be chasing the girls.

Minneapolis (CNS)—Grounds for Divorce: Mrs. Irene Thyberg filed suit against her husband because "he scolded me whenever I took more than one bath a week."

Slickers Soak Suckers on Souvenirs

A quick survey of war junk and a little mathematics on the thumbs and fingers reveals that some McGuire combat veterans have given themselves an awful beating on the souvenir front.

The small-arms toll is heavy, with slickers charging anywhere from too-much to all-the-traffic-will-bear, and never cracking a smile. When a Luger brings 50 or 100 bucks, the buyer is getting a variety of clip that is not described in the manuals on automatics. Some of the sales of enemy arms suggest that the gun must have been sticking in the purchaser's ribs at the time he paid for it.

But the real high is reached in jewelry and bric-a-brac, where the victim has the idea that he is getting into a pretty snazzy field. There is generally more fine art in the selling than there is in the article sold, and the unwary GI often gets into the upper bracket figures for objets d'art that the girl friend could have picked up at a modest price in a shop back home. In extreme cases of suckeritis victims have been known to pay 2000% above actual value—and more.

In Italy the cameo market got so far out of hand that some Post Exchanges began stocking them to give the men a better idea of what these items were worth.

The souvenir black-and-blue market isn't restricted to any theater of war, many gullible boys in the Pacific gladly committing financial hari-kiri for mementoes of the Far East. There is also variety in the sellers, some of them being natives and some GIs ready to take advantage of their more inexperienced playmates. The only thing that's uniform is the sucker type, which is universal.

—Buy War Bonds—

Male Call

by Milton Caniff, creator of "Terry and the Pirates"

Message Center For The Main Body

